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SUBJ: CAMEROON EXTENDS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 50 MILES

1. CAMEROON NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 20 ADOPTED BILL TO EXTEND LIMIT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 50 MILES (FROM PREVIOUS 18 MILES). DRAFT BILL APPARENTLY WAS SUBMITTED BY GOVERNMENT ONLY SEVERAL DAYS AGO, LONG AFTER PACKAGE OF OTHER DRAFT BILLS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CURRENT, JUST-ENDED SESSION OF ASSEMBLY. CAMEROON NEWS AGENCY (ACAP) REPORTED THAT THIS LAW ON TERRITORIAL WATERS WILL BE PROMULGATED BY PRESIDENT ACCORDING TO SPECIAL URGENT PROCEDURES, RATHER THAN IN NORMAL 15-DAY PERIOD.

2. ACAP ALSO REPORTED THAT ASSEMBLY RAPPORTEUR QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER TO FIX LIMITS AT 100 MILES, BUT GURC EXPLAINED THAT "50 MILES WAS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF GENEVA CONVENTION". SOME INDICATION FROM A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY WITH WHOM WE TALKED THAT ASSEMBLY MAY HAVE MODIFIED TEXT SUBMITTED BY GOVT, AND THAT LIMITS MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN FIXED AT DIFFERENT DISTANCES FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES. SOME SPECULATION ALSO THAT LAW EMANATED FROM CONFUSION BETWEEN TERRITORIAL

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WATERS AND SEABED RESOURCES ON CONTINENTAL SHELF.

3. WE (AND OTHER EMBASSIES) SO FAR UNABLE FIND KNOWLEDGEABLE
SOURCES WILLING EXPLAIN MOTIVATION BEHIND GURC TAKING ACTION
RE TERRITORIAL WATERS AT THIS TIME AND IN THIS WAY. WE EN-
DEAVORING OBTAIN TEXT AND EXPLANATIONS AND WILL REPORT ASAP.

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